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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. QUENTIN JONES, USDA; PRODUCTION OF
OPIATES

1. DR. QUENTIN JONES WILL ARRIVE BELGRADE AT 1500
SEPTEMBER 6 ON AZ 508 AND WILL DEPART ON SEPTEMBER 10 AT
0815 VIA ROME TO TEHRAN TO ATTEND UN-SPONSORED
CONFERENCE ON PAPAVER BRACTEATUM. PURPOSE OF JONES'
VISIT IS TO DEVELOP RESEARCH PROJECT WITH INTEGRATED
AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, SKOPJE. PROJECT CONCERNS INSECT
AND DISEASE PESTS OF POPPY AND THE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS
SOIL COMPONENTS ON THE CHEMISTRY OF DERIVED OPIATES.

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JONES WILL BE DISCUSSING PROJECT WITH DR. D. POPOVSKI
OF IAI AND, DEPENDING ON POPOVSKI'S ADVICE, WITH

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,MACEDONIA

2. INTERAGENCY OPIUM POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE IS STUDYING VARIOUS TYPES OF OPIATE PRODUCTION, AMONG THEM THE PROCESSING OF POPPY STRAW. WE ARE DESIROUS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF JONES' BEING IN YUGOSLAVIA BY HAVING HIM CONFER WITH THOSE INVOLVED IN PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF POPPY STRAW IN MACEDONIA. PROPOSE THAT DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 6-10 STAY IN YUGOSLAVIA JONES WORK WITH YOU IN SETTING UP SCHEDULES AND APPOINTMENTS FOR A RETURN VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 18-21 FOLLOWING TEHRAN COMMITMENTS.

3. WE REALIZE THAT THIS IS NOT SEASON FOR POPPY HARVEST AND THAT EXTRACTION PLANT MAY NOT BE IN OPERATION BUT ANTICIPATE THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY PEOPLE WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL DATA. RUSH

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